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ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE, FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 1917.

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## ALEXANDRIA'S BUSINESS MEN EXPRESS OPINIONS

**Sentiment is Emphatically in Favor of the Proposition Made by the Washington Steel and Ordnance Company to Establish Ferryboat Line Between This City and Giesboro Point.**

For the purpose of ascertaining the sentiment of the business men of Alexandria regarding the proposition which the Washington Steel and Ordnance Company has made to the city, a representative of the Gazette this morning took occasion to interview as many of them as it was possible for him to see.

All those who were found in their places of business when the Gazette man called expressed themselves as being heartily in favor of the proposition. Some of them even went so far as to say that they sincerely hoped that nothing would be permitted to prevent it from being carried out, as they believed it would result in bringing about an era of better business conditions which the city is greatly in need of. Many of them spoke in the highest terms of the position, taken in the matter thus far by the members of the city council and board of aldermen. Among those interviewed were the following, who briefly stated their opinions as given:

Samuel G. Brent, Commonwealth's Attorney—I think the proposition a good one and that the Council ought to accept it.

Bendheim and Son—We are heartily in favor of it. We favor anything which will help Alexandria.

John H. Trimyer—In my opinion it is a good proposition. Everyone I have talked with is in favor of it.

Swan Bros.—In favor of it, yes, and willing to do anything in our power to bring it about.

Geo. E. Warfield, Cashier First National Bank—Yes, I would vote for it.

Edgar Warfield, Jr.—I think it an opportunity that Alexandria should not lose. I favor it.

Carroll Pierce, Cashier Citizens' National Bank—Yes, sir, am in favor of it. Think it the best thing that can be done.

Well Bros.—We do not think any business man can object to it. We are in favor of it.

William Reed—Yes, I'm heartily in favor of it from every angle. If our people do not accept it I would not know what to think about them.

J. L. Perry, Cashier Alexandria National Bank—Yes, indeed, I believe it would be a good thing.

H. Bloch—Am in favor of it.

R. E. Knight—I am certainly in favor of it, and the position the Council took in regard to it. It will show that Alexandria is abreast of other cities in such matters.

Brawner Bros.—We are for the proposition.

Burke and Herbert, Bankers—We unqualifiedly endorse and favor the proposition.

Samuel H. Lunt—It is a good thing. I am in favor of it.

Acton and Son—We favor it. It is

the only salvation of the city to try and get more people here and more work for them.

E. R. Elliott—It is a good thing. Anything that will bring people to Alexandria is a good thing and of benefit to all.

T. C. Hoy—I am in favor of it. The Council should not turn it down.

Preston Cockey—I am in favor of it, and of the business men taking it up themselves if necessary.

Alexandria County Lighting Co.—We are in favor of the proposition.

P. M. Bradshaw—Yes, as a business man and as a taxpayer, I am in favor of the proposition.

L. Levison—I am in favor of the proposition. I think it should be accepted.

Dyson Bros.—It seems to us to be a good thing as a Council proposition. We are in favor of it.

M. W. Gaines—Am in favor of it. Think it is the best thing the city has had offered to it. Believe it is based on real facts.

Worth Hultish—Yes, I think it would be a good thing for the city.

Julius Wolfe—Am very much in favor of it, and hope it goes through.

A. L. Jameson—I think it would be the salvation of the city in more ways than one, and am heartily in favor of it.

C. W. Howell—Yes, I am in favor of it.

There were others who were called upon that were not at their places of business, but the opinions as above given will, it is believed, show the sentiment of the majority of the business men of the city, and the Gazette will be pleased to publish the views of any others who may wish to be heard upon the question.

COOKED HIM TO DEATH.

Maryland Negress Pours Oil on a Man and Throws Him on a Hot Stove.

Chestertown, Md., Aug. 31.—Martha Briscoe, colored, was held yesterday for the action of the grand jury, on a charge of killing Lorenzo Waters, colored, with whom she lived at Galts, Kent county. The woman said Waters had been keeping a speakeasy in his home. Last Sunday some negroes got on a spree in the house, and Waters became attentive to another colored woman. Martha protested and Waters got a gun. Martha drew a razor. A general fight ensued, during which Martha got a can of oil and poured the liquid over Waters and then threw him across a hot stove. He was too drunk to move and so remained there until he was terribly burned.

After awhile Martha pulled him off the stove and carried him into the yard. The man died Monday evening.

Card of Thanks.

I desire to extend my thanks to the many friends of my family for their kind acts and sympathetic expressions while our home is saddened by the hand of death. These manifestations of friendship toward my late husband and to those whom he was near and dear will remain green in our memories. Respectfully,

MRS. THOS. F. JACOBS.

Opening of the oyster season at Rammel's Cafe.

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GILBERT J. COX, Clerk.

Permits to enter the city schools will be issued during the week beginning September 3rd, at Lee School building, commencing at 9 a. m. Permits for the High school, Lee school and Washington school will be issued Monday and Tuesday.

Permits for the West End school will be issued Wednesday at West End school building.

Permits for the colored children will be issued Thursday and Friday. Tax receipt must be presented before permit is issued.

204-6t.

## Alexandria City and Suburbs

At the meeting held last night by Columbia Steam Fire Engine Company it was voted to accept the invitation to join in the parade to be held in the city on Monday afternoon. The members will meet at the engine house at two o'clock p. m., on that day in uniform.

The members of the executive branch of the general State committee on camp activities arrived in this city today and planned for the mass meeting to be held tonight at 8 o'clock in the Young People's Building on south Washington street, at which the Rev. J. T. Mastin, chairman of the committee, will preside.

### GERMAN CRUELTY

Prisoners Said to be Starved, Beaten and Subjected to Many Indignities

Starved, beaten and subjected to many indignities, prisoners of war in Germany are being compelled to work in trench and field under the fire from the armies of their own countries.

Reports made by Russian soldiers who have escaped from Germany and which have been transmitted to the State Department, say prisoners of all nationalities are being used on work just behind the lines and within range of the guns.

A small portion of bread, some thin soup, and occasionally a bit of meat of horses shot in action, comprise their rations. The prisoners have been organized into units as carefully as are soldiers. Their work is done systematically under military supervision, with long hours and no medical attention.

When the Russian soldiers left many of the units had lost by disease practically half of their number. No new clothing had been issued to them and in all sorts of weather they are forced to work in vermin-laden rags.

Military overseers, the Russians reported, frequently had them tied to boards and beaten until they had reached the point of exhaustion.

Included in the labor units were Germans as well as Russians, British, French, Belgians and Poles. The Germans were those who had participated in food riots or who were physically unfit for service in the ranks. These men were treated very little differently from the prisoners of war.

### FAMINE IN AUSTRIA.

Shortage of Food Causes Close of Schools in Country.

Rome, Aug. 31.—Reports are reaching the Vatican from diplomats and ecclesiastical sources in Austria that the food shortage throughout the empire has become so serious that the people are causing the utmost concern.

The intellectual depression among school children due to insufficient food is rendering it practically useless for them to continue their studies, and it is probable the schools will have to be closed soon.

As an instance of the high prices for foodstuffs, it is said, a sack of flour costs \$40 and a pound of pork \$2. Fat is very scarce, and less than a pound in fifteen days is allowed for each person. Owing to the lack of starch, nuns are authorized to wear soft headresses and hoods.

The remedies so far adopted have proved useless. All food available is served for the army and a general famine seems inevitable.

During the past week there was an increase of approximately 100 per cent in the number of cases of typhoid fever under treatment in the District of Columbia.

Seven men were killed and two others were seriously injured at a Pennsylvania railroad crossing near Aberdeen, Md., yesterday. The dead men were tomato pickers riding to work in a wagon which was run down by a train.

### NOTICE TO CADETS

The High School Cadets of last year are requested to meet in the Lee School building at 2:30 p. m., tomorrow, Saturday, September 1st. Business of importance is to be transacted. By order of

W. H. Sweeney.

Opening of the oyster season at Rammel's Cafe.

208-2t.

There will be services in the Jewish Synagogue on Friday evening, September 7th.

Mrs. John Scrivener and son, Ralph, have returned from a trip to Augusta, Georgia, where they were the guests of relatives.

"How Should the Minister be Supported?" will be the subject of Evangelist F. E. Gibson tonight at 7:45 o'clock, at the First Presbyterian Church. All are cordially invited.

Mrs. W. D. Burkett and daughter, Miss Dorothy Burkett, have returned to their home, 216 south St. Asaph street, after visiting friends in Norfolk and Richmond.

### FIRE THIRCE AT NEGRO.

Officer Thompson Intercepts Violators of Mapp Law a Short Distance East of Rosemont.

Between nine and ten o'clock last night State detectives who are in this city and neighborhood for the purpose of aiding the police in enforcing the prohibition law of the state had a thrilling experience with twelve or fifteen negroes, believed to be transporting liquor into the state in the Potomac railroad yards.

The negroes were armed and exchanged shots with the detectives when they attempted to arrest them. The negroes scammed after the exchange of shots, and about ten o'clock Officer Thompson saw two having liquor in their possession passing south a short distance from the Baggett residence on upper King street.

The officer approached them, when one ran off. He took hold of the other negro, who "bucked" and finally succeeded in tearing himself away from the officer. When the negro became free he reached for his pistol, but for some reason, did not discharge it.

Officer Thompson had previously warned him if he attempted to escape he would use his pistol, and at this juncture the officer discharged his pistol twice at the darkey, and supposed that he had "winged" him. The darkey, however, kept running, when the officer fired the third time at him.

A resident of Shooter's Hill says he saw a negro shortly after ten o'clock last night proceeding up the road with difficulty. He was limping as though he had been injured in one of his legs.

It is supposed that the negro who drew the pistol had expended his cartridges while engaged in the duel at the Potomac Yards, and for this reason did not discharge it at the officer.

### GERMANY'S NEXT STEP.

Violent Submarine Warfare on United States to be Reply Penalty.

Rome, Aug. 31.—Intense and concentrated submarine warfare against the United States, as well as England, will be one of the results of President Wilson's declaration of the Pope's peace appeal, in which the American Executive clearly showed he was not impressed by the steps toward democratization Germany has taken to date.

Diplomatic circles here today revealed that the central empires have been aiming through so-called democratic decrees and discussions to influence American public opinion. The reply of President Wilson is evidence that they have failed in this.

Germany's next step, then, diplomats here believe, may be expected in the form of a new outbreak of terror from her U-boats.

### THE OYSTER SEASON.

Dealers Preparing to Handle the Bivalves This Month.

The oyster season will be upon us tomorrow, September 1st, although this salt water product will not be in active demand for several weeks yet. Activity in the oyster trade generally follows the first cool spell of fall, when the water becomes chilled.

Rivermen have made preparations for the coming season, as have also proprietors of oyster shops in the city.

### Removal Notice.

George H. Railing, agent of Castleberg and Co., has moved his office and salesroom to 622 King street.

208-6t.

Miss Geraldine Davis is visiting Miss Dorothy Brown, at her home at Fairfax Courthouse.

A man of Mexican and Indian birth arrived in this city today on his way in this country from France. The man speaks fifteen different languages and dialects and was employed by the government in France as an interpreter. He was with the French armies at the recent battle of Verdun. It has been exactly thirty-two days since he left Verdun. His wife and small child were killed in France recently. The linguist entertained gentlemen in this city today with accounts of the fighting over there.

### FOUR THOUSAND TO BE SHOT.

Korniloff Preaches a Blood and Iron Rule in Russia.

London, Aug. 31.—Four thousand Russian soldiers will be shot as deserters by Russian firing squads of Premier Kerensky carries out his threat, voiced at the close of the Moscow conference.

"This hurts us to the very soul, but for the salvation of the country we will kill with all our soul."

The regiments on the Roumanian front who on Wednesday abandoned their positions to the east of Iresti, inviting a new important Teuton advance, are expected to be the first to be hit by the restitution of the death penalty. Gen. Korniloff, the commander-in-chief, just back at the front from the Moscow conference where he fervently preached a "blood-and-iron-rule," is expected to make a gruesome example of these latest traitors to Free Russia's cause.

It is as the third consecutive day that the Russian war office has been obliged to report wholesale desertions on the southern front. If they continue, the worst is feared. The entire Muscovite southern wing from Brody down to the Black Sea is gravely endangered by the new Teuton advance deliberately brought about by the dissolution and cowardice of the Russians.

### TEARS UP TROLLEY TRACKS.

One of Several Incensed Towns Rejects Fare-Raising.

Pottsville, Pa., Aug. 30.—St. Clair borough officials yesterday afternoon tore up a portion of the tracks of the Eastern Pennsylvania Railway Company, sufficient to prevent the cars from running through the town. This action was taken because the company, which controls 75 miles of trolley lines in this section, made a general raise of fare of one cent lately. An agreement made by the traction company with St. Clair borough stipulated that no more than a five-cent fare should be charged between that town and Pottsville.

Several Councilmen boarded a car yesterday morning and when a six-cent fare was demanded, got off and at once ordered that the tracks should be obstructed and a portion torn up. Other towns are likely to take similar action.

Attorneys for the traction company are preparing an appeal to Court for an injunction. The company claims it is not in the power of any municipality arbitrarily to fix passenger rates for a long term of years, in view of rapidly changing conditions.

### FIRST IN HIS NEW HEARSE.

Undertaker Killed by Falling Pole Arranges Own Funeral.

Oxford, Pa., Aug. 31.—His back broken by a rotten telephone pole, which was blown down during a slight windstorm yesterday afternoon, Bayard T. Fisher, 50, an undertaker at Avondale, near here, lived long enough to say: "I guess I'll take the first ride in my hearse."

Fisher was the only undertaker in the neighborhood of Avondale, and had ordered a handsome automobile hearse, which was just delivered yesterday morning.

One week ago Mr. Fisher was nominated for Burgess of the town. He was on his way to the home of a friend to arrange an automobile trip yesterday morning. As he was stepping off his lawn to cross the track of the Newark and Pomeroy Railroad the pole fell and he was pinned to the earth. His cries brought E. E. Wilson, who worked for Mr. Fisher, and who managed to release him. His back and left leg had been broken.

## WEST POINT HONOR MAN SENT TO GRAND JURY

Herman A. Pohl, of Alexandria, Commissioned Yesterday as First Lieutenant in Engineering Corps.

Herman A. Pohl, son of Mr. and Mrs. August J. Pohl, of 23 Rosemont Avenue, graduated yesterday from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., as the honor man in his class, and was commissioned a first lieutenant in the engineering corps, the highest branch of the army service.

Lieutenant Pohl has been a cadet at the Military Academy for the past three years. He graduated in June, 1913, from the Alexandria High School, as the highest student in the class. This was the first class graduated from the local high school which had been established the preceding year. The year following Lieutenant Pohl spent in studying at Lehigh College, Pa., and entered the Military Academy the following summer, on educational certificate. He was appointed by Representative Charles C. Carlin.

At the high school in this city Lieutenant Pohl, besides being an excellent student was an all-around athlete, playing guard of the high school eleven while he was a student here, and being also prominent as a long distance runner. Lieutenant Pohl is twenty-one years of age, having attained his majority August 28.

Lieutenant Pohl has made a splendid record for himself at West Point as a fitting start to his military career and his many friends in this city will be glad to learn of his high standing in the army.

### NO CLASS EXEMPTION

President Disapproves Relief of All Farm Workers From Army Service.

Washington, Aug. 31.—In disapproving a proposal by Representative Shouse, of Kansas, that all men engaged in agricultural pursuits last March 1 be exempted from military service President Wilson has written the Congressman that a class exemption would lead to "many difficulties and to many heartburnings." He added, however, that he should personally be glad to see all the genuine farmers left at their "indispensable labors."

The President also called attention to Provost Marshal General Crowder's recent arrangement for calling men whereby most farm labor will not be drafted in service before October 1, when it is believed most of the heavy farm work will be done. This arrangement was the result, the President wrote of "most careful and sympathetic attention" by the War Department.

Representative Shouse responded to the President's letter with the declaration that much of the Kansas wheat crop would not be in on October 1 and that the labor situation in that state was critical.

### At the Picture Theatres.

"All Man," at the Richmond story is a strong dramatic story about a bevy of girls and a handsome hero; two especially pretty heroines, a dear old father, a railroad president and something else worth seeing.

There is a tremendous railroad wreck in which two passenger trains come together when traveling fifty miles an hour, and are destroyed. Then there is a canoe that goes over a precipice, several hundred feet high, and many other thrills. "Mystery of the Double Cross" will also be shown.

At the Surprise "Twin Soul," and the "Girl From Frisco," are the attractions.

With his dog, goats and parrot, with his goat-skin umbrella and suit of the same material, and with black, grinning Friday following him faithfully, Robinson Crusoe has come back from his cannibal island and takes up a modern home Saturday at the Richmond.

### Notice.

There will be a called meeting of Relief Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, Friday evening, August 31, 1917. By order of the President.

J. L. Peed, Sec.

Oysters in all styles at the Rammel Cafe.

208-2t.

Case of Edward Slaughter, Charged With Killing Ezell Watson, Investigated This Morning.

Edward Slaughter, eighteen years old, who shot and killed Ezell Watson, also colored, on Pitt street, between Wilkes and Gibbon, about two weeks ago, and whose case had been continued for ten days by Justice Caton, was brought before the Police Court this morning. A number of witnesses, male and female, had been summoned. Their testimony, however, added nothing new to the case, and was substantially as heretofore published. The fact was established that both men had pistols at the time of the killing. Slaughter was represented by Robinson Moncur. Justice Caton held Slaughter for the action of the grand jury.

Sergeant Roberts and Officer Henderson yesterday arrested John Green, colored, at the instance of Ed. Smith, colored, generally known as "Alabama," who alleged that Green furnished several colored women with liquor. Smith swore he saw Green offer the females whisky. The latter, however, denied the statement made by Smith and Green was released.

Louisa Byrd, Sadie Gross and Frank Gross, all colored, engaged in a brickbat battle near the intersection of Wilkes and Columbus streets yesterday afternoon, during which Sadie Gross was struck on the head by a missile and painfully injured. A colored woman living near by was also struck upon the back of her head by a brick and received painful injuries. The trio were fined \$5 each.

### CRUSHED UNDER AUTO

Maryland Woman Killed—Husband and Two Children Injured.

Elkton, Md., Aug. 31.—Mrs. Edith Ward, wife of D. J. Ward, a business man of Salisbury, Md., was killed shortly after noon yesterday in an automobile accident on the State road, near Locust Grove, south of this city. Mr. Ward suffered a fractured collarbone and Estella Ward, a daughter, aged 18 years, and Jay Ward, a son, aged about 10 years were more or less injured about the face and head.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward, accompanied by five children, left home early yesterday morning en route to Philadelphia, where they were to get Mr. Ward's son Howard. The were driving a seven-passenger car, and all went well until they came to a sharp curve in the State road, near Locust Grove.

They were running about 35 miles an hour, and as the car started to skid toward a side ditch, Mr. Ward threw on the emergency brake. The car turned turtle and then uprighted itself. Mrs. Ward was killed instantly, her breast being crushed.

### MUCH NEEDED RAIN

Copious Showers Visited Country South of Alexandria Yesterday Afternoon.

A heavy dark cloud formed west and south of this city yesterday afternoon, and there was every reason to suppose there was to be a heavy downpour of rain in this city. But little, however, fell hereabouts, although south of Alexandria there was a refreshing rain.

The weather in this section has been cloudy with showers today. The east wind will probably bring more rain.

### LIKE CHEAP RELIGION.

Ocean Grove Camp Crowds Drop Pennies in Baskets.

Ocean Grove, Aug. 31.—With the end of the camp-meeting in sight, the leaders and workers are redoubling their efforts at soul-winning, and success is crowning their labors. Stress is being laid upon the meagre collections received at the services, it having been figured that the average amount put into the baskets by each person is one cent and a half. Last Sunday the "offering" disclosed exactly 5650 pennies.

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